

I commend this organization's tireless efforts to combat the rising incidence of drug usage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in saluting the Bushwick Geographic Targeting Task Force for their outstanding contributions to the youth of Brooklyn.

CONGRATULATING SAM MALONE
AND THE MORNING SHOW

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, Sam Malone of Sugar Land, TX, will celebrate the fourth anniversary of his 104 KRBE morning show on March 21, 1997. This top rated show addresses a wide diversity of issues, and features many prominent Houstonians, including the Honorable Robert and Elyse Lanier, University of Houston Coach Kim Helton, and Clyde Drexler of the Houston Rockets.

Sam started his career in radio as a \$6-an-hour joke writer in New York City. His career took him to Buffalo, NY, before his talents were recognized by KRBE in Houston. After 4 years on his hometown airwaves, Sam is still going strong. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the 105th Congress to join 104 KRBE in congratulating Sam Malone and the morning show on this auspicious occasion, and extending best wishes for continued success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REVEREND
BERNARD GUEKGUEZIAN

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Bernard Guekguezian of the First Armenian Presbyterian Church in Fresno, CA. A member of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America [AEUNA], Reverend Guekguezian was recently elected to a 2-year term as moderator of the AEUNA, the leading organization of Armenian Protestant Churches in North America.

Reverend Guekguezian was born in Antioch, Turkey in 1927. Following graduation from school, Guekguezian studied at both the Armenian Evangelical institutions in Beirut and at the Aleppo College in Syria. In 1952, Guekguezian completed the American University at Beirut and the Near East School of Theology. After serving as a pastor in Egypt for 2 years, Guekguezian came to the United States, where he attended the Fuller theological Seminary and the New York Theological Seminary and earned a Master's degree in Christian Education. In 1959, Guekguezian was ordained as a Minister of the Word by the Congregational Conference of Massachusetts.

During his stay in Massachusetts, Guekguezian served as minister of the Armenian Congregational Church of the Martyrs, Worcester, MA, the oldest Armenian Church in America. In 1966, Guekguezian accepted a position with the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Paramus, NJ and served the congregation for 12 years.

Reverend Guekguezian became a resident of the Fresno area in 1978, when he was installed as pastor of the First Armenian Presbyterian Church of Fresno, the oldest Armenian religious institution in California. Guekguezian resides in Fresno with his wife Knar Kazanjian of Aleppo, with whom he has two sons and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Bernard Guekguezian has been an example of leadership and inspiration to the community of Fresno, the State of California, and the other communities that he has impacted throughout the United States. I offer my sincere congratulations to Rev. Bernard Guekguezian of First Armenian Presbyterian Church on his election as the Moderator of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America and the best of luck in his new position.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS,
JOHN W. PEADEN

HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, on March 31, 1997 the citizens of northwest Florida and the State of Florida will be losing a man who has dedicated his life to protecting the people of Florida and ensuring the triumph of justice in our community. This gentleman has distinguished himself as a community leader, a dedicated law enforcer, and one of our Nation's leaders in the war on drugs. The man I speak about today is Mr. John Peaden of the Office of the State Attorney in the First Circuit of Florida.

I could praise Mr. Peaden for his 25 years of law enforcement, during which he served as a Florida State trooper, a member of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department, and the Office of the State Attorney. I could mention the modernization and computerization that Mr. Peaden brought to the investigations department over the last 16 years with the State Attorney's Office. Or I could applaud his tireless efforts to protect our children from illegal drugs through his efforts on the Okaloosa-Walton County Drug Task Force. But I'm sure John would say that those accomplishments were just part of his duty.

However in my opinion Mr. Speaker, John has gone above and beyond the call of duty throughout his distinguished career in the field of criminal justice. At a time when our Nation calls out for principled leadership from public officials, it is fitting that today we honor a law enforcement professional who always went the extra mile to protect our citizens while striving to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. Mr. Peaden has known, better than most, that while trying to protect our quality of life, we must respect the God given rights of freedom.

John's overall attitude and dedication to public service has been a model in the lives of the hundreds of law enforcement officers and professionals that he has trained, supervised, and encouraged. His legacy will remind new officers that when at all possible, law enforcement officers should go beyond the call of duty to assist citizens in any way possible and to protect our justice system from any foe, foreign or domestic.

As John departs from the Office of the State Attorney, he can take pride in knowing that he influenced so many people in a positive way. As a father of two young boys, I sleep better at night knowing that our streets are safer and that our children are protected because of the life-long efforts of John Peaden.

MIDLOTHIAN POLICE CHIEF ROY
VAUGHN

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations to Police Chief Roy Vaughn of Midlothian, TX, on the occasion of his retirement on March 14, 1997.

Mr. Vaughn served the citizens of Midlothian as chief of police for 10 years, following a successful 22-year career with the Dallas Police Department.

I join Chief Vaughn's wife, Margie, his four children and numerous grandchildren in thanking him for his years of dedicated service to our community, and offer him my best wishes for the future.

IN HONOR OF JOE FRIEND

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note with great sorrow the passing of a friend very dear to the town of Chester and especially to me, Joe Friend.

Joe dearly loved this community of Chester, CT, and was always well-informed of the town's happenings. Having served on the board of selectmen in Chester and later as the registrar of voters, Joe was among the most active and engaged members of the community. He fought for seniors at every juncture. He often came to me with concerns from members of the community who had problems with housing or Social Security or another problem. No community concern was too small or large for Joe to take on.

Everybody loved Joe. He would often make puns on his name, saying "you always have a friend here" or "you'll always have a friend in this house." And he was a friend to so many of us in his 83 years. I was fortunate to be one of them.

Mr. Speaker, I am reminded of a party thrown for Joe and his wife Lillian almost 10 years ago, when the whole community, as a demonstration of their respect and regard, joined in the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. This day will be remembered fondly by all of us.

And so, Mr. Speaker, we will mourn Joe's passing. He will truly be missed. But we who knew him, we who were touched by him, will never be able to forget him. Joe Friend served his community well and will be a continuing inspiration to all of us.